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THE CHILD'S DREAM.

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, BY WILLIAM B. McCALLA.

Mother, dear mother, but night I dreamed
That a threefold bright vision before me gleamed,
All clad in the purest robes of white;
Each head was decked with a crown of light;
Bright flowers blossomed in their hair,
Sweet music came from a heavenly land;
And each love like an infant's was pure and fair,
No mark was upon them of grief or care;
Of disease or pain there was not a mind;
It's another peace dwelt in each breast.

Mother, dear mother, what forms were those?
Why were they clad in those pure white robes?
Why were they decked with those crowns of light?
What flowers were those so rare and bright?
Why seemed all heed their joyous life?
Why was all not free from a heartless strife?
Why was there such a holy, calm repose?
Why were they moving on that joyous land?
Why were their forms all so pure and fair?
Mother, dear mother, was I or relative of the family.

My child, those forms you beheld last night,
All from the heart took a happy flight;
Those robes so pure, were a token that no
Dwelt not in the breast that bear within;
The crown bestowed on each head,
Of the purest bliss, with no sad alloy;
And the flowers were those that bloom alone
In the heart whose religion and peace are known.

My child, my child, when you seek your bed
At night to repose your wearied head;
Before sleep closes your eyelids down,
Let your voice in a prayer to God arise;
Let no angry passion dwell in your heart,
But kindness each word you speak impart,
And a holy joy will your bosom fill;
So you feel you have lived in the holy will:
And at death, your soul into peace and fair,
To dwell above, in the bright land, there.

LOVE SONG.

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, BY E. W. WARREN VANCE.

In the land of the West where the Whitewater flows,
The beautiful clime where the May-apple grows,
There was one, one, oh, a wood-embowered dell,
The vine-covered cot where my Mary did dwell.

Her eye was as bright as the day-dawn's first beam,
Her voice was as clear as the wild-wood's sweet stream,
Her step it was light as her own native fawn,
That roam'd o'er the mountain and bid in the lawn.

Here oft at mild evening we hail'd from afar,
The moon on her watchtower, and night's twinkling star,

Here oft we have walked by the green borders grove,
And talked in youth's rapture of friendship and love.

For now I am exiled from my native home,
And borne on each brow is a sorrowful sigh;
But Mary's asleep in the cold, silent grave.
Connersville, Indiana.

Portrait Gallery.

HALF-LENGTHS IN OUTLINE.

A Little Shaded.

NO I.

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, BY A. LYMNER.

MR. CARPER.

"No doubt of it!" And Mr. Carper tossed his head half contemptuously.

"I say there is no doubt as you are. You don't admit that there is good in any one."

"Oh, yes, I do, my dear. But such disinterested acts of benevolence are rare in this selfish, cold age. You may depend upon it, the Allisons know what they are about. It will appear before long. Mrs. Allison is the cleverest as the wife of any man I know that all men, and all women, too, are selfish. I'm selfish myself, and don't pretend to deny it—and he is a philosopher that does not. But I say it was pure benevolence in the Allisons, for I won't believe it."

"What object could they have in view, Mr. Carper? Mary is poor, and hasn't a friend in the world."

"Dear knows! But you'll find out one of these days. The clever foot can't always be hid. Depend upon it, there is an axe to grind."

"I won't believe it. I know Mrs. Allison well and I know that she is altogether unselfish. In this act she has proved it to the world."

"Not quite, Mary. Not quite. —It can't be my dear. Every body is selfish. You, and I, and every one else. It's our nature. A poor compliment is woman nature, I own; but nevertheless it's just as I say."

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"It's true. All men are selfish, and every motive that inspires to action is some form of selfishness I know."

"Is there selfishness in a mother's love?"

"Yes. She loves herself in her child. If her love be resolute, why doesn't she love other children equally helpless and innocent, as well as she loves her own? Human nature is human nature, my dear, but at the best, and all the shows of good in human nature is shown through a selfish medium."

"Well, Mr. Carper; all I have to say is, that I should be sorry to think so badly of mankind as you do—very sorry indeed. I think there is a great deal of good in the world, and am very happy to think so."

Mr. Carper, as the reader may readily infer from the manner in which he has just expressed his opinions, was a misanthrope. He gave any body credit for acting from a disinterested motive. He had never done so himself, and did not believe that it was possible for any one else to do it. Notwithstanding this, his settled opinion of mankind, it was a little remarkable that he was always finding fault with this, that, and the other man, for not exhibiting, in their conduct, the very qualities he denied them. If any one acted generously, he attributed it to a selfish motive; and if another acted selfishly, he expressed a due portion of surprise and indignation at his conduct, especially if he happened to be affected by it. So in you would, Mr. Carper always saw something to censure.

The Allisons, whose motives for a kind act he had been questioning, were a family consisting of Mr. John Allison a merchant, Mrs. Allison, his wife, a sister and two daughters. The latter were nearly grown. In this family, a young girl had occasionally been employed as seamstress. She gained her livelihood by going out and sewing when she could get work to do. She had no relatives. There was something about this friendless girl that excited the sympathy of Mrs. Allison. She was young, retiring and modest, and seemed always to be conscious of her lowly condition, and yet, withal, she was of a cheerful temper. Her name was Mary.

Mrs. Allison had engaged her to come and sew for her in the Spring, and Mrs. Carper had done the same. She was to go to Mrs. Carper's for three weeks, and then come to Mrs. Allison's.

Mary had taken a severe cold during the Winter, which had fastened upon her a hollow, consumptive cough, that was exceedingly troublesome. While at Mr. Carper's she took fresh cold, and became so unwell that she had to give up work, and go home to see the room she rented from a poor widow. She took to her bed, and was quite sick. Not coming to Mrs. Allison's at the time she had appointed, that lady called to know if she were not ready to begin her engagement, and found Mary extremely ill. She had little or no attendance from the woman of whom she rented, who was about having her taken to the alms house. In the kindness of her heart, and from the inspiration, her fund of true benevolence, Mrs. Allison proposed to her husband and sister that they should have Mary brought to their house and properly taken care of. This suggestion was fully approved, and Mary was accordingly removed, and every attention and care bestowed upon her—as much so as if she had been a near relative of the family.

This was the act that Mr. Carper contended had its origin in selfishness. The sister of Mrs. Allison knew, had some ultimately expected good in their minds, which they believed would result from this extended act of gratuitous benevolence.

Mary, poor girl, never left her room after she was brought into the family of Mrs. Allison. She lingered on for about a month, and then died.

"I reckon that didn't pay," said Mr. Carper to his wife, when she mentioned to him the fact that Mary was dead.

"I presume Mrs. Allison received all the pay she ever expected. She told me, when I was there this morning, that she never thought the girl would live, from the moment she saw her till she was, and but she could not bear to think of her going to the alms house and dying there."

Mr. Carper shook his head, and pursed up his lips.

"Tell that to the marines."

"If you had seen how really grateful she was to Mary's family, you would not talk that way, Mr. Carper."

"I've not the least doubt of her grief. But—"

"But what?"

"No wonder. She lost a very useful girl who would have been bound to her by gratitude. Depend upon it, if Mary had lived, we should never have had her sewing for us."

"It's abominable, Mr. Carper! I'm ashamed of you. I thought so badly of the world as you do I'd go out of it."

"I'm not so sure that you would better yourself any," Mr. Carper said, a little sarcastically; but with a twinkle at humor in his eyes.

Some months after this, three of Mr. Carper's children were taken down with the scarlet fever. It was progressed towards a crisis, it became necessary that some one should sit up with them every night. The watching had continued so long, that the family was completely worn out. It was at length among their friends that they had prolonged and serious illness in the house, they would go away and then to ask how the children were getting —more sent their servants daily to make enquiries. Among those who called were Mrs. Allison and her sister, and their expression of interest and concern was real. Said one of them Mr. Carper doubted whether it were not genuine. As to all the rest, he set down their enquiries and calls as mere forms, but the wife of Carper.

Just at the right moment, when all were so fatigued with watching as to be more than half sick, Mrs. Allison came and offered to sit up with the children. The kind creature was accepted. Even Mr. Carper was touched by it, and felt that it was a pretty selfish act. On the night after the sister of Mrs. Allison came, and then, on the two succeeding nights, the daughters. The children were so ill, that two persons were now required to watch with them, both day and night. For more than two weeks, some member of Mr. Allison's family sat up regularly with them. This was a long one, the value of which was not to be estimated. And it was done so cheerfully and affectionately and with such a tender interest in the little sufferers, that even Mr. Carper was more than once moved to tears by its unrelated and almost unconscious exhibition. When the dark shadow from the wing of death, that had rested for so long a period over the household treasures of Mr. Carper, had lifted it up, and let in a flood of sun from the sun of hope, and pleasure of Mrs. Allison and her family was so retired and genuine that Mr. Carper felt and acknowledged in his heart, that it could only come from an unselfish source.

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THE ADOPTED DAUGHTER.

(CONCLUDED)

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CHAPTER V.

Miss Beeson's penetration had not deceived her. With the full consent of her adopted parents, Elsey had plighted her faith to Charles Trevor, and in now left her, soon to return and claim his promised bride. She had given her pure young heart to one who realized her ideal of manly grace and goodness—one who, though he might seem to the world but the gay man of fashion, to her was the ardent enthusiast, ripening after all that was elevating and beautiful and noble in existence.

There is, perhaps, no period in the life of a human being in which he is capable of exerting a stronger interest, than that in which the higher faculties of his nature seem to shake off the chains which before had fettered them to earth, and rise into the loftier region which is their native element. It was precisely at this period that Elsey had known Charles Trevor, and there was a strength, a beauty, a freshness in the full outpouring of his newly awakened feelings that completely fascinated her. True, her own bewildered thoughts had the wonder—but where is the woman who will not glory in such an inspiration, and love the more ardently because of it? And Elsey did love, deeply, devotedly, undoubtedly, and the bright horizon of her future was undimmed by a single cloud.

It had been agreed between the lovers that their engagement should not be announced to Elsey's friends until after the reception of letters from Mrs. Trevor, to both of whose consent to his marriage her son had never entertained the slightest doubt. She had long wished him to marry, and the high position of Mr. Waltham in society and the generous portion he was to bestow on Elsey, were such that no difficulty on those points had ever occurred to him.

Towards this sanction to her happiness, Elsey's hopes were now directed, but no letter from Mrs. Trevor came. Several months though buoyed with assurances from Charles, stating he was much harassed with perplexing business, but soon would be free to that promised bride to his mother, and he had been more than a month absent when Mr. Waltham placed it in Elsey's hands. With a glowing cheek and eyes that seemed to look through over its contents—the glow changed to deadly paleness as she proceeded, until at length with a long and shuddering sigh she let the letter fall from a nerveless hand. The letter contained but the following lines:—

"My son has asked my sanction to a marriage to which I have long looked as the event of his life. My objections to it are well-grounded and such as cannot be overcome. I have written to Charles to inform him, and he has been the sole object of my affections during a long and solitary widowhood. Can you, Miss Waltham, deprive a fond mother of her only son? He dotes my authority, and will prove it. It must rest with you to dissolve an engagement which having been lightly entered into, will cause pain to be regretted. By taking this step you will oblige,

"Yours, very truly,

"ANNE TREVOR

"To Miss Waltham (so called)."

Alas for Elsey! What a bright dream of happiness was dissolved by this cruel stroke! Without a moment's pause, she sought the presence of Miss Beeson, and asked to confer a slight favor, she was called upon to renounce the dearest hopes of life, and her whole future happiness. Miss Beeson was at first surprised—bound to her by vows most sacred, by love most unspeakable, by every holy, tender tie! She could not realize the horrible murder of her child. Once seized Elsey during the weary hours in which she tossed on her restless pillow; while Mrs. Waltham and her daughter were absent, she had opened the letter of her only son!

"Advise me—counsel me, my more than mother," she said; "must I break both his heart and my own, to please this proud, imperious woman?"

"My poor Elsey," replied Mrs. Waltham, tenderly kissing her pale cheek, "I will not advise, I cannot counsel, you—ask guidance from your own child, and do what conscience dictates—you will then be supported by a stronger arm than mine—by that God who is the only friend you have since your mother left her, and the cold moon shone bright into her chamber upon her kneeling form, it seemed as though an angel whispered to her; and a holy calm stilled for a while the tempest of her sorrows. She hoped, too, that Mrs. Trevor might yet relent from her purpose, and the cause of her separation from her own humble birth, and Mrs. Trevor's strong aristocratic prejudices—but could these be dearer to her than the happiness of her only son?

A pay to these harrassing doubts, Elsey was a few days after sitting alone in the drawing-room, when the door suddenly opened and Charles appeared before her. Her first sensation was one of unalloyed delight; but her quick eye soon discovered a change in his manner, and his countenance. That Trevor had pilfered her—so he will keep out of her way, I suppose."

"If Elsey Waltham is your wife, she will not be Seymour in far richer than he will ever be. The pretty little Waltham, like the rest of her sex, has set eye to the main chance, for she rejected your first attentions—poor devil that I am—with such an air, that I was almost ready to thank them for it. Now she is all devotion to that rich old cripple. Upon my life, I believe half the girls of the present day would marry the devil himself, provided he would marry Satan himself for the sake of Pandemonium."

"You are too hard upon them, Granby," said the others, laughing.

"Well, perhaps I am—as I won't talk any more about the dear, devoted tormentors, I am now impatient to see Trevor; don't you think he will be here soon?"

"He told me not, decidedly."

"Then I will go to the Sweet Spring myself to-morrow," said Granby, and soon after the gentlemen separated.

Mr. Granby was as good as his word, and among the subjects he discussed with his friend was that of the affair, as he called it, between the beautiful Miss Waltham and her venerable and wealthy suitor. Mr. Granby mentioned the matter carelessly, imagining the interest his friend took in Elsey, was no stronger than that he felt for many of his other female acquaintances, and great was his astonishment at the effect of his communication. As Mr. Waltham had forbidden any correspondence between Elsey and her son, Mr. Granby did not keep her own counsel, Mr. Trevor was entirely ignorant that Elsey was on near him; and after the manner of fashion, that at first raged, and then died a little subsided, he took his departure for the White Springs.

He stopped at the hotel but to ask the direction to Mr. Waltham's cabin, near the door of which he met an elderly gentleman, whom he at once recognized as his family friend, Mr. Granby's expressive description of the Pennsylvanian stage-horse was exactly suited to Reuben's poor old nag. "His hide resembled an old hair-trunk." Continued whipping and kicking had made him such a state, that no amount of blows could quicken his pace, and on clattering could always the dejected drooping of his head. All his natural language said, as plain as a horse could say it, that he was a most unhappy beast. Even Reuben's own dog seemed to look disgusted and knotted appearances. The bark wept little sickly tears of gum, and the branches grew every as if they felt the continual discord, and would verry faces at each other behind their owner's back. His fields were out with weeds, or run over with mullein. Everything seemed as hard and arid as his own visage. Every day, he cursed the town and the neighborhood, because they annoyed him, and stoned his hens, and shot his cats. Continual law-suits involved him in so much expense, that he had neither time nor money to spend on the improvement of his farm.

Against Joe Smith, a poor laborer in the neighborhood, he had brought three suits at one session. Joe said he had returned a spade he borrowed, and Reuben swore he had not. He sued Joe, and recovered damages, for which he seized the only cow his pig. Joe, in his wrath, called him an old swindler, and a curse to the neighborhood. These remarks were soon repeated to Reuben. He brought an action for libel, and recovered twenty-five cents. Provoked at the laugh this occasioned he brought another for the same words, and Joe, when suit, screaming furiously. "Call me an old swindler again, will you?" As evil spirit is more powerful than Joe. Reuben was obliged to pay his costs. Joe mowed his wife, and bearded little Joe's ears, and kicked the cat; and not one of them knew what it was for. Reuben's wife, Caroline, was the big dog of the family. Whereupon he brought another action against Joe Smith, and not being able to prove that he had been charged a dog-tax, and he took his revenge by poisoning a pet lamb, belonging to Mrs. Smith. Then the bad game went on with mutual recrimination and loss. Joe's temper grew more and more vindictive, and the love of talking over his troubles at the grog shop increased upon him. Poor Mrs. Smith cried and said it was all owing to Reuben Hark; for a better hearted man never lived than her Joe, when she first married him.

Such was the state of things when Simeon Green purchased the property adjoining Reuben's. The ruin had been much neglected, and had caught thistles and mullein from the neighboring fields. But Simeon was a diligent man, himself by nature and healthy organization and a genial temperament; and a wise and kind education had aided nature in the perfection of her goodly work. His prudent and industry soon changed the aspect of things on the farm. Rivers and autumn-leaves, old shoes and old bones, were all put in requisition to make the production of use and beauty. The trees, with branches pruned, and bark scraped free from moss and insects, were loaded clean and vigorous. Fields of grain waved where weeds had rioted. Persian lilacs bowed gracefully over the simple gateway. Mistletoe roses crowned half the bow-win. Every thing was in order, and Simeon, as he looked around him, could not help but feel a glow of satisfaction at his own handiwork. Then the rough rock, which formed the door-step, was edged with golden moss. The sleek horse, feeding in clover, looked as if he knew that his master came near, as much as the well-fed, contented dog, who followed at his heels. The cow, lowing about, with his troop of plump calves, seemed to know that Simeon was a kind and generous herdsman; and the very hens, as they picked up their cups and ran out shouting. "Father's coming!" and little Mary went toddling up to him, with a dandelion blossom to place in the lap of his hole. His wife was a woman of few words, but she sometimes said to her neighbors, with a quiet smile, that Simeon Green was always my husband that knows him. They can't help it."

Simeon Green's acquaintance knew that he was never engaged in law-suit in his life. He had predicted that he would find it impossible to avoid it now. They told him his neat neather was determined to annoy people, whether they were quiet or not; that he was like John Lilburne, of whom Judge Jenkins said, "If the world was emptied of every person but himself, Lilburne would still quarrel with John, and John with Lilburne."

"Is that his character?" said Simeon. "If he exercises it upon me, he will have a hard time."

In every neighborhood there are individuals who like to foment disputes, not from any definite interest—for such would be folly—but as a mere means to make a little ripple of excitement in the dull stream of life, like a contest between dogs or game-cocks. Such people kept Reuben's wrath boiling, and Simeon's remark about his wrangling neighbor. "Kill me! will he!" exclaimed Reuben. He said no more; but his ugly countenance spoke such a significant expression that his dog dodged him, as he would the track of a tiger. That very night Reuben visited his horse after the fashion of his people. He would commit some depredations on neighbor Green's premises. But Joe Smith, who had also seized me to help draw his team out of the bog, and I told him I had enough to do to attend to my own business. To-day my team stuck fast in the same bog, and he came with two yoke of oxen to drag it out. I felt sort of ashamed to have him see me, but he was obliged to contact himself with the bog, on the other day, when you asked me." "The trouble I had in relieving my poor oxen teaches me sympathize with others in the same situation," answered Simeon. "Don't let us waste words about it, neighbor. It is impossible for me to go to work and leave you here in the bog, and night coming on."

The team was soon drawn out, and Simeon and his self were away, without waiting for thanks. When Reuben went home that night he was unusually silent and thoughtful. After smoking a pipe in deep contemplation, he gruffly growled the ashes from his pipe, and said, with a sigh, "Peg, Simeon Green Are killed me?" "What do you have sent them insect a rat, that Glass Yes?" and yet I stole the hides from you, meaning to sell them the first chance I could get? But I tell you the truth, Mr. Green, it is the first time I ever deserved the name of thief."

"Let it be the last, my friend," said Simeon, shaking his hand heartily. "There need be no secrets between ourselves. You are young and can make up for lost time. Come now give me a promise that you will never steal from me again, and I'll give you a promise that you will never steal from me again, and I'll give you a promise that you will never steal from me again, and I'll give you

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ANSWERS to Enigmas, &c.—We cannot answer—we will publish the puzzle ans. As to the English Riddle, we will consider about publishing it again. It is pretty good in guessing riddles, to be rapidly passed it over.

[Insertion. We have received our correspondent's article upon the above subject, but have not examined it yet. By the way, even if we should think favorably of it, we could not say "Yes" without hearing the author's real name.

A. B.'s riddle is hardly good enough.

THE FATE OF SOMEBODY. It is related, but not yet extensively.

RECEIVED.—"There are Hours of Sorrow," "To the One I Love," and "Song, by F." Two of the above, were not accompanied by the names of the authors.

RUSSIA.

A writer in the Britannia, a London periodical, says—

Russia has just made a vast advance in territorial power. She is now a German sovereignty, and the Sultan which threw its ivories, or its tusses, to the wall of Chios, and the vampires of Constantinople, are gleeing eminently over the confines of Prussia and the provinces of the Danube. With what feelings the Austrian or the Prussian may, in their opinion, view this raving phenomenon in their skies, all can imagine who know that Russia has never lost a foot of territory during the three centuries since her name first echoed in the European ear; that her career has been as resistless as that of a mighty incubus; and that, like the American king of old, ever her dreams present before her a perpetual image of gigantic expansion.

Russia may spare our alarms, or suppress her own hopes, in the mysteries of diplomatic letter writers. But there is not at this hour a Russian statesman, a Russian officer, or even a Russian peasant, who does not perceive his full exercise from the East is destined, sooner or later, to be the law of living mankind.

At the moment every thought, fear, and feeling of the continental cabinets converges upon, as the Russian throne, as if from that throne shall come the first thunders of the tempest which is to change the face of the world.

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MERCANTILE PURSUITS.

One of our mercantile friends thinks we have rather too sweeping in our article last week, upon the present morals of trade. It may be, and yet we speak from a considerable degree of experience, having for many years been engaged ourselves in mercantile pursuits. That there are numerous individuals engaged in trade, whose word may be implicitly relied upon, we do not doubt. That there are some who have a regular standard of prices, from which they never deviate, is probable. But that our remarks were true in the main, we are still strongly inclined to believe.

One thing, however, we are willing to acknowledge—that meanness in the doing of business, is rather the exception than the general element of existence. If we remember aright, from 1841 to 1844 was the period of the greatest scarcity of money, and also of the greatest pressure, we ever remember in trade. In such seasons, merchants pressed for money will often sacrifice their goods, instead of keeping their notes in the market, to be sold at a waste dealing. One buyer being able to purchase his goods at cost, or even below cost, for the cash in this way, regards his good luck as a rich harvest before, and they become concentrated with their old bosses, because they, being in better credit, are not compelled to make the same ruinous policy.

In a season like the present, when the ability of the country to purchase has never been surpassed, and all things are free and circulating, business becomes more noble and ready. For the heart of man does not naturally cling to the slime of the earth, and when the temptation is removed that has pressed it to the ground, it again resumes in a degree its erect position. But even in this present time, it was not much mistaken, that the merchant has not been that noble, upright, candid thing which it of right ought to be.

GEN. SCOTT AT CHURCH.

Gen. Scott attended Church in Vera Cruz on the next Sunday after it was taken. The "American Eagle," published there, says the General appeared "*dressed and pious.*" The Eagle also favishes us with the following interesting information—

We noticed much deference was paid to our General, and that he was *the first one to show a long lighted cuvilo was kindled. He received it solemnly, and held it for a time lighted in his hand.* This was planning in the citizens, and *from all appearances they seemed to think no more was all the smoke they had to receive of them.*

This last was a very reasonable conclusion, not withstanding the old adage about "holding a candle to"—a certain darling-wicked personage.

A HAPPY EFFECT.

It is stated that the efforts made in this country to relieve the wants of the Irish, have created the most favorable sensation in the minds of the Irish people. No other nation, it is said, expressed so much sympathy or gratitude as this country. And the effect is certainly going to produce much good. The Irish funds have been expended, we extract the following passage from a communication published by Mr. Bayard Taylor, in the Tribune—

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Being a central press, and therefore not often running across the track of any mere sectarian or political opinion, we may, with entire freedom from even the suspicion of having any unworthy motive, give our earnest endorsement to the above remarks.

No man of sense and true nobility of soul will even think that such a paper, that the journal he takes should be an exact ditto of himself, and his opinions and prejudices. Every sensible man knows that he should not learn so much from such a sheet, even if he could procure it; and he therefore wishes to find in the paper weekly receipt of his mail, that shall not bear to speak out the opinions of its editor with bone and muscle, and with all the blood and nerve. Every man should be grateful to speak out its views upon all questions that appertain to the welfare of man, both in this world and in that which is to come. He may put custom as powerful an instrumentality, either for good or for evil, as can possibly be conceived. But the power of the press is also great, and in a great degree the character of the speakers. It a people are noble enough to applaud even those heroic, generous sentiments, which they cannot yet bring themselves to practise, there are great hopes for their future. A people that like to bear the truth spoken, and applaud those who have the courage to speak it, are fast preparing for the Millennium. The Americans, we trust, are to a considerable degree such a people—but it is still a great deal to become, before another century, entirely such as one.

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ENGLISH DESTRUCTIVES

So far from the British Government underrating the defencing practices of the Americans, one would judge that their own countrymen were entirely free from any—whether of the Government or private citizens. What was our surprise, therefore, to learn that "Cowper's Oak," beneath whose spreading branches the poet used to meditate, and which has been nearly been destroyed by the vandalism of the British tourists. William Howitt says—

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In Tuscaloosa, Alabama, recently, two slaves were arraigned for the murder of their master, by the death in that State. The evidence against them, which was corroborated by their confessions, was so strong as to leave little doubt of their guilt. Their counsel, however, Judge Porter, succeeded in clearing them by a mere legal technicality. He set the following argument—

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This latest assertion is very suggestive, to say the least. How is it, then, that the Mexican papers have published certain proposations as coming through him, from our Government?

BAD YS

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GENERALS HOUSTON AND RUSK

Gen. Houston recently made a speech in Texas, in which he stated that the commission of Major General in the army invested in Mexico was tendered to himself and his colleague, (Gen. Rusk,) but they had declined its acceptance. His own reason for doing so was that he did not desire to be the proper plan of carrying on the war, with the officers who would have been his seniors in rank, and he did not feel competent to carrying out measures directly antagonistic to his own judgment.

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I may observe that I have been also named as a candidate for the Presidency, by a portion of the new newspaper editors and others, which has been done without any agency or authority on my part. This I have asserted all who have written to me on the subject, and have said that I am not a candidate for that or any other civil office; that my whole energies, mental and physical, are and had been devoted to the service in a way as I thought best to bring this war to a speedy and honorable close, and that I was willing to serve my country in the sooner it was done the better—at any rate, so long as the war continued; and that I should not bring should be lost sight of until this was accomplished.

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On the 21st the army threw in our rear, through the passes of the mountains, 3,000 cavalry, and early on the morning of the 22d, with the 4th Infantry and Washington artillery and Shaughnessy the day. They succeeded at one time in cutting off the communication between the city and Encarnacion, and making several prisoners, but were driven away by the enemy's artillery, leaving in the field two pieces of artillery, covered by about sixty men who, however, escaped with the exception of four, and created a good many from running off to the city, by the report that they were cut off. Our loss was very small, resulted in getting possession of the cavalry accoutrements, &c., &c. The transaction was highly creditable to the gallantry and conduct of the officers and men engaged in it.

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I hope the greater portion of the good people of the country will be satisfied with what we have done, and that they will not be led away by the idea of compelling a Mexican army of more than 20,000 men completely conquered, to meet the United States Magistrate, in order, with less than 500 regulars and volunteers, to overrun and hold the whole country. I shall not a single company of regular infantry; the whole was taken from me.

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VERA CRUZ.

The army correspondent of the North American says—

When the city had capitulated the volunteers were very much disposed to appropriate to their own use every thing they could find, and they have changed their time before getting to the city. Some of them have been caught with the watches and other valuable articles in their possession, and the provost guard have been kept very busy in arresting them. Yesterday a number of them were brought to the city, and were marched through the streets with their coats turned inside out, and a placard on their backs, bearing the following inscription:—"Thieves and robbers." Some of the volunteers have been punished in this manner, and it has had a good effect.

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GEN. SCOTT'S LETTER.

Gen. Scott has addressed a letter to the Secretary of War, in which he says that he has received from the Governors of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Louisiana, the number of troops called for by the President's proclamation of the 15th of April, and that the number of troops called for by the President's proclamation of the 15th of April, and that the number of troops called for by the President's proclamation of the 15th of April, and that

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FROM OUR OWN Correspondent.

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

THE GENERAL FAST DAY—SERMONS BEFORE THE SOCIAL FAMILY AND PARLIAMENT—THE FAMINE IN IRELAND—A VISIT TO THE DARK—NARROW ESCAPE OF ENGLISH SAILORS MURDERED AMONG SAVAGES—LATEST NEWS BY THE NIGHT MAIL—DEATHS OF PROMINENT PERSONS.—THE LONDON CITY FLATS—RESIGNATION OF LIBERALISM—LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH—DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE NEARLY EXHAUSTED—THE TWO LOVERS—THE VICTORIOUS AMERICAN RIDDER—IRELAND AND HER PRESENTS.

Bristol, England, April 3, 1847.

On Wednesday week, the entire population of the Great Kingdom humbled themselves before the throne of the Almighty in fasting and prayer—that the heavy visitation of famine with which the South and West of Ireland and the Highlands of Scotland are afflicted, might be alleviated—and that mercy may follow judgment. It was a solemn occasion, and a solemnity was felt and manifested in devoting one day exclusively to the appropriate religious service, that the shops in every town were closed, and business of every description suspended. Many of the sermons preached by the most eminent Divines have been published, and you will be gratified to find that the Rev. Dr. Baird of the United States, in sending over food to the famishing, was not forgotten. Indeed such has been the impression made by that short visit of the Rev. John Russell alluded to it in the way of national benevolence which will long be remembered here. The Bishop of London preached the sermon at the Chapel Royal, from Jonah iii. 20 : "And God saw their works, and they turned from their evil way: and God repented of the evil that He said that He would do unto them, and He did it not." The Bishop of St. Asaph preached before the Queen and Court in Westminster Abbey, from Jeremiah x 24 : Oh, Lord, correct me but with judgment; not in Thine anger, lest Thou bring me to nothing." The Rev. Dr. Dealtry preached before the House of Commons, in St. Margaret's Church, from Psalm lxxvii 7 and 8 verses : "They cannot drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall He lift up the head." Every one and friend that These put far from me, and none of the congregations of this city, or throughout the nation, from the throne to the cottage, appeared to be deep, sincere and heartfelt. I am happy to learn that much of the calamity is now relieved by the immense subscriptions that have been made, and also by the employment provided by the Government—but there is much more to be done, and the crops will not be sown in Ireland for the present year—and if there be no seed-time, we all know that there cannot be a harvest. The Queen's letter to our sire, are in progress on the part of the owners of the soil to encourage the planting and sowing, and as the year opened under sufficient favorable, I am prepared to cause a supply in the Fall—but no one plots was to be expected. The general opinion is that Ireland are naturally enough about to crop with some again. Flour and your Indian corn and meal have now taken a decided turn in favor of sales, and we are sanguine in the expectation that the wintry sight of famine, disease and death will pass away.

An extensive failure has occurred in the Provision circumstance has recently occurred at Glasgow, the ex-per of that city, whose wife had been separated from him for a considerable period, and that her body had been found in the river. As he was related to a "Burial Club," and had contributed to it four pounds, for the purpose of paying his last respects to the deceased—and he did so by providing a respectable funeral, when a Coroner's inquest accidentally examined the case and returned a verdict of "Found Drowned"—the body having been recognized by a number of persons as that of the wife.

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Beautiful Poem.

THE FAITHFUL HEART.

She was a girl with golden curls, and his was raven black;
Playmates and friends from childish days these two had been;
And up through all the winding years that youth seemed to them;
Still, still, childlike, loved in hand they met in light and shade;
To her were told his sweetheart secrets by the time he had wooed;
To her and his were hopes of youth, he bright dreams of manhood built in air.

And dreaming with untiring one, her ever sweet dream was;
That the long summers of his and from Love's own forest bower;
And in time youth,—if that to all, still kept he by his heart.

He left to summon on her car; to other days unknown
"Sweet one-in, who hast loved when grief or gladness wrought with me,
The days are sweet at my end and—well owned to thee;
A fairer joy hath vouched my heart than could be dreamed I could!
And one I love; also, for my sake, the bride I love as well as thee!"

She did not false, brain forth no cry to speak her misery;
Could'st in he blossom evermore although her heart might be;
So sadd her tale of sharper joy as in the former years,
As home not every word he said she heard through her fall-ing tears.

The first time, with soft voice and clear, and her dreads done were not low;
Of her, his bride,—of her, who was the friend of he early years;
And still "I cannot see in my love, the wife-years joyful heart,
And, friend again 'a lethal white, at that name struck dark and wan;
For she, his early friend, exchanged a sweeter name than;
Once had he given her all of love, she gave it not again;
Only when other we clear, her look calm as it seem-ed then.
"To the pure heaven where they set gone, yet may I hear our love?"

Life in Mexico.

THE MEXICANS.

[The following communication lately appeared in the Washington Union. It is from the pen of G. W. Hughes, Captain of the Topographical Engineers.]

Four fifths of the population of Northern Mexico are of the aboriginal race (here, as mixed in different degree with the Spanish blood,) the finest descendants of the once powerful Aztec monarchy. In habits, customs, mode of life, wants and privileges, they have probably changed but little, with the exception of the abandonment of their barbarous sacrificial rites, since the conquest; and they retain even much of their original language. They are a most-looking people, and while one seldom sees a very large man amongst them, they are certainly a well-made, agile and muscular race, whom we have been much in the custom of underrating. Of uncommon backs, and great power of endurance, under the sun, or on horseback. They are scarcely equalled a courtesy, and are unsurpassed in matching. It may seem a paradox to say that they possess much kind-ness and little sorrows; they would perform almost whatever you might instruct, and yet would offer faint resistance when danger is upon them. Hence it is they so often fall victims to the Indians.

Fancy to yourself a rather light colored Indian, dressed in a pair of leather unmentionables, without a waistcoat, a cotton shirt that would have been white when it was mostly left open in the warm weather for comfort and to exhibit the drawers underneath; a coarse cotton cravat, tied loosely like the end of a point; a red sash tied round the waist; a pair of sandals on his feet and enormous iron spurs on each, with a heavy concho!! and his head with under most never a calve cut, on head, and a long wheel-iron pointed goat in hand; and you have a perfect picture of the rancheros, or rural workmen—the quiet on a spotted pony, with a lasso of his saddle bow, and he is no more adventure for a single male to encounter. He rides well and fearlessly, and for many the lasso with unerring aim. It is a beautiful sight to see him with his red blanket, (some as a poncho, in cold weather,) streaming to the wind his head bent angrily forward, and lance whistling in circles high in air, riding down some refractory cattle, and his noble steed as full of spirit as the first horse, by the race he bind now bringing him violently to the ground. The animal thus caught, feels that the contest is ended, and quietly submits to his captor. It is amazing to see the young urchins following the example of their elders, and practicing at little pigs and tender kids, who by no means appear to enjoy the fun; it verifies the old fable of the "boys at play for frogs." It may be quite to the one party, but it is often death to the other. Every Mexican whatever his condition may be, is expert with the lasso and the throwing of it may be regarded as a national amusement. One of our men became intimidated at the Hacienda of Lerenzo, near Parras, and was in the act of raising his rifle to shoot Don Manuel, an amiable and accomplished proprietor, who quick as thought threw the noose over him and pinioned him by his arms, when our valiant Arkansas cavalier became as meek and quiet as a lamb.

The wealthier classes dress very much in the same style, but of richer fabrics; their bottons being usually of silver, and they are particularly entertaining in their mode and horsemanship. are often overloaded with lonary silver ornaments and their saddles are in the under of the finest pattern of their blankets, and the materials of their clothes.

The women are rather under what we regard as the medium size, might in figure, well formed, and graceful; and while we are beautiful, many of them, while young, are good looking in their youth. Their hands and feet are small, with well-turned ankles. They have generally white teeth, good temples, sunglasses, black eyes, and glossy long hair—in the dressing of which they daily bestow much pains. They appear to be amiable and kind hearted, and are said to make good wives and mothers. They are cleanly in their habits, for most of the temples and bathrooms being situated on running streams, they are very advantage for bathing, of which they avail themselves most liberally without encumbering themselves with much super fluous clothing. Their dress consists of neat shoe slippers, without stockings, a cloth petticoat, usually red, and a chemise, which exposes more of the person than is decorous in the estimation of ours, consistent with a due regard to modesty; but this is the custom of the country, and I am not prepared to criticise it. With a rosary around the neck, a gold ear-rings, and you have the female costume complete. When they go abroad, the ladies are generally worn, either over the head, concealing the greater portion of the face, or over the shoulders, like a scarf as require by their fashion of the time, its quickly depending on the condition of the wearer. In their ordinary, domestic duties they attend the morning of mass, which is usually the first event by the men, as an outer covering, and are literally "in bed by night, a garment all the day." Many of them are a fair nature, and have a fine figure and color. Their prices vary from $1 to $15 and even to $100. Many of the better class of females are well educated and accomplished ladies who would grace the saloons of the most polished capitals.

The wealthier classes live in a style of great luxury, and I have seldom partaken of more elegant and sumptuous entertainments than at their hospitable boards. The saviors of Chime and silver are beautiful and rich, the courses follow each other in rapid succession, and the table groans with the profusion of meats, fruits, accomplishment and wine principles it. A gentleman whose carriently induced him to count the courses at a dinner, assured me that they amounted twenty in number.

During my short stay at Saltillo, I had an opportunity of witnessing their bridal rites. A young lady of great beauty, whose hand was deeply sought after, had been selected by the parents. A course of people attended the funeral solemnities. The deceased was dressed in white, with white little slippers on her feet, and her head decorated with beads, her arms being gracefully disposed over her shoulders, her hands crossed in front, holding a crucifix, and her rosary. The procession moved slowly through the principal streets, the bell tolling with a solemn and mournful sound, and the whole scene was impressive in the extreme. The procession was headed by the priests within the church, were not different from those of the Roman Catholic religion in other countries.

More than half of the whole State of Coahuila belongs to the two brothers Sanchez, who also own a large portion of Nuevo Leon. But we may remark, as others, that sentient beings often struggle when in distress; hence struggling to them is a sign, or invariable sign of distress. But we may remark that struggles are very far from being invariable signs of distress; muscular action and consciousness are frequently entirely distinct and separate; and we have abundant reason to believe that in a great proportion of cases, those struggles of a dying man which are seen by us, are to be looked on as entirely independent of consciousness as the struggles of a recently decapitated fowl. A second reason why men are led to regard dying as a very painful change is, because men often endure great pain without dying, and forgetting that like causes produce like effects, they infer that under similar circumstances they infer that life cannot be destroyed without still greater pain. But the pains of death are much less than most persons have been led to believe, and we doubt not that many persons who live in the age of puberty, undergo painful more misery than they would of they understood correct views concerning the change. In all cases of dying, the relaxation of the muscles must necessarily produce a comparative insensibility, which is often without much and sometimes without any previous pain. Those who are struck dead by a sudden shock of lightning, are denagitated with one blow of the axe, and those who are instantly destroyed by a crush of the brain, experience no pain of all; passing from a state of life to a dead state. One moment's expectation of being thus destroyed far exceeds in misery the pain during the act. The moment when Daniel in having a little blood taken from the arm, or on any other occasion, have already endured all the misery they ever would, of they had known it. Those who are dead by a sudden shock of lightning, and other diseases, suffer their greatest pain, as a general thing, before, or even days before they expire. The sensibility of the nervous system becomes gradually diminished; their pain "becomes less and less acute under the same existing cause; and of the moment when they become insensible to the greatest distress, they are more at ease than they have been for many days previous; their senses, so far as respects their dying, have ceased to act upon them like an opiate. Indeed, many are already dead as to respects insensitive, when (general hy-readers are much the most to be pitied in shape, of this feasible pleates of gold or silver, artificially cut through, and engraven in imitation of lace, a handkerchief of gauze, and with a pointed linen, bound close over the sacrum and falling cautiously on the favorite lock of hair, completes the costume, and accompanying the bridal procession to the church and faggot. The ladies in not be crushed with alcahol, (e. " the powder of land ore." And as this is performed by first dipping into the powder a small wooden bulkin, of the thickness of a quill, and then drawing it through the eyelids, over the ball of the eye, we have a lively image of what the prophet (Jer. iv, 30. "Though thou restore thy face with painting," or "lead ore,") is recited in scripture. The sooty color which is thus communicated to the eyes is thought to add a wonderful gracefulness to persons of all complexions. The practice is of the greatest antiquity.

WORK AND HAPPINESS.

BY THOMAS CARLYLE.

All work, even common-looking, is noble; work is alone noble. Be sure of it, all idle persons were more. And in like manner, too, all dignity is pain-ful; a life of ease is not for men, nor for any god-like thing in men. Doubt that well-spoken word of Solomon's, as I call it, or man's ways in those generations, shudder itself be on in that unspeakable Limbo, "vanity of vanities, all is vanity." Nay what is "happy" Every pitifulest whipper that walks within a stable, has he not filled with the notion of "happy," and rides on it? Your true workers, even, ought to be, "happy." His wishes, the pitifulest whipper's, are to be fulfilled for him; his pleasures flow on in a sense good and right. Not unpleasant, impossible even for the gods. The prophets preach to us, Thou shalt be happy; thou shalt love blessedness, and find it! Then, "Is it not written?" "Why have we not found pleasure things?

"Happy," my brother? First of all, what difference on it, whether they are happy or not? To-day becomes Yesterday so fast, all To-morrows become Yesterdays; and then there is no question whatever of the "happiness" but quite another matter. Nay, then hast such a sacred pity left at least for thyself; thy very pains once gone over into Yesterday, become joys to thee. Hope, Faith, Love remain not what heavenly blessedness and indispensable sanative virtue was in them; then shalt only know it of those many days, when these are not in thee, of those many days, when thou hast